GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AUCTION OF OLD AEROPLANES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to auction old aeroplanes after acquiring the new ones in Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date on which the present planes in Indian Airlines were procured;

(d) whether the life span of these planes has been expired; and

(e) if not, the reasons for disposing of these aeroplanes?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise

(c): Age profile of the aircraft owned by Indian Airlines as on 1st March, 2005 is given in the table below:

Type Fleet	Average Age (Years)
A300 03	22.5
A320 30	13.6
B737 11	23.5
DO228 02	19.7
ATR-42	
All Type 46	16.8

(d): There is no prescribed age limit in terms of flight hour, flight cycle or calendar year for the commercial aircraft. The aircraft remain in operation as long as they are maintained in airworthy condition as per the maintenance procedures and norms prescribed by the aircraft manufacturers and approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

(e): Replacement/renewal of the old aircraft is an on-going process and is considered necessary to ensure that the product offered to the passengers compares favouably with the competitors. The new aircraft with latest technology offer better economics and improve reliability of operation.